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## PRESS RELEASE

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LOCATION OF CALL: FOLSOM LAKE  
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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

After two days of intensive searching Placer County Sheriff's deputies are redirecting their search efforts to locate a man who fell overboard from a sailboat on Sunday. Deputies used a side scanning sonar system supplied by Don Laughlin of West Coast Recoveries in Sacramento for over 7 hours today in an attempt to locate the missing man. They also used the Placer County Sheriff's Department underwater video camera to search the area where the man was last seen on Sunday. Along with these two high tech devices, approximately 15 divers from State Parks and Placer and El Dorado Counties participated in the two-day search.

On Wednesday divers, assisted by the Placer County Air Support Unit, will conduct an aerial search of the area in an attempt to spot the missing man and plot the search area. On Thursday divers will return to the lake with the video camera and re-evaluate the search area after the aerial surveillance.

On Sunday Robert Fritz, 64, of Citrus Heights fell overboard while sailing with a friend on Folsom Lake. After a hasty search by the friend, Sheriff's deputies responded to the area and began an investigation. On Monday morning the two-day search effort was launched with several dive teams responding to assist in the search for Fritz.

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